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Japanese Consulate Attacked by Southern Army; Arms of Our Landing Party Plundered; Outrages Committed on Women.

(Our SHANGHAI Correspondent, March 25)

Troops of the Chinese Southern Army which attacked the Japanese Consulate at Nanking, plundered arms belong to our naval landing party and committed outrages on women. Several soldiers broke <sup>into</sup> the hulks and looted Japanese valuables. Our marines however were unable to stop them.

Mob Rushes In With Drawn Swords

(Our SHANGHAI Correspondent, March 25)

According to telegraphic advices received by the authorities concerned, Southern Army troops were seen passing by the Japanese Consulate at Nanking at 7:00 a.m., March 24. Fifteen minutes later about 30 soldiers pressed into the Consulate but withdrew without trouble. Then at 7:30 a large number of these soldiers broke into the Consulate with drawn swords and began firing and plundering. They were followed by other disorderly soldiers one after another, committing every kind of outrage and trying even to rape women. They fired at the seriously wounded, assaulted many refugees and at last tried to set the building on fire. However, at noon a Kuomintang representative hurried to the spot and suppressed them. As a result all withdrew. Then the commander of the 6th Division came to

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the Consulate and assigned some guards there. The situation was thus saved without further trouble. All foodstuffs were looted. The city is not suffering from food shortage at present but there is every reason to fear that if the present great influx of refugees continues, shortages of food and dwellings will be felt. It is anxiously hoped, therefore, that warships with sufficient cargo space will be sent to the rescue loaded with food supplies.

Consulate Building Plundered, Nothing Left; Imperial Portrait and Important Documents Safe; Report of our Death-defying Band (Our SHANGHAI Correspondent, March 25)

Telegraphic advices received by the authorities concerned say that because the fate of our people left within the city walls is completely unknown, owing to the utter confusion at Nanking. Commander YOSHIDA with a death-defying band of 30 bluejackets had entered the city. According to his report, the Japanese Consulate has been plundered so completely that there is hardly anything left. However, he found the Imperial portrait and important documents untouched and Consul MORIOKA and other refugees safe.

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Major NEMOTO Seriously Wounded; Police Chief KIMURA

Also Wounded

(Our SHANGHAI Correspondent, March 25)

According to telegraphic advices received by the authorities concerned, Major NEMOTO, Hiroshi, Military Attache at Nanking, was bayoneted in his right abdomen and hip and seriously wounded by a Southern soldier at the Japanese Consulate. Police Chief KIMURA was shot through the right arm. Both of them are now under medical treatment on board the Japanese destroyer, HINOKI. Dr. MATSUZAKI, a physician, SUZUKI, Manjiro, proprietor of the HORAIKWAN Hotel, and TAZAKA, Nobuo, a photographer, all of whom had been at home, are reported missing.

(Our NANKING Correspondent, March 25)

The Japanese Consul personally carrying the Imperial portrait, took refuge in the Consulate building at 12:45 a.m. on March 24. A Japanese destroyer, after taking aboard all resident Japanese, shifted her anchorage to a safer zone. Photographer TAZAKI, Dr. MATSUZAKI, and Mr. SUZUKI, proprietor of the HORAIKWAN Hotel, who had not taken refuge in the Consulate and were reported missing, have been safely taken on board the destroyer.

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Translation

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I, the undersigned, a member of the Dept of Research, the ASAHI Shinbun, hereby certify that the newspaper report hereto attached, written in Japanese, consisting of 6 pages and entitled "Japanese Consulate at Nanking Attacked by Southern Army; Mob Rushes In With Drawn Swords; Consulate Plundered, Nothing Left; Major NAOTO Seriously Wounded" is an exact copy of the report carried in the March 26, 1927 issue of the Tokyo ASAHI.

Certified at the office of the ASAHI, Shinbun, Tokyo, on this 25th day of January 1947.

WATANABE, Tatsunosuke (Seal)

I hereby certify that the above signature and seal were affixed hereto in the presence of the witness.

At the same place

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〔上海特派員二十五日發〕ソノ筋着電南京混  
亂ノ結果城内ノ消息全ク不明ナルヲモツテ廿五日  
朝十時四十分吉田指揮官ハ陸戰隊決死隊三十名ヲ  
寧辛城内ニ向ツタソノ報告ニヨレバ日本領事館ハ  
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〔上海特派員二十五日發〕ソノ筋着電ニヨレバ南  
京日本領事館内ニテ南京駐在武官陸軍少佐根本博  
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シ松崎醫師實來館主鈴木萬太郎爲眞師田坂信雄ノ  
諸氏ハ消息不明デアアル

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